

ST. LOUIS

Conservation Connections

News and Events from the Missouri Department of Conservation • April 2013



“Please Take Me!”

Pets on Conservation Areas

My family is dog crazy. Who can resist that “Pleeeeee take me” look when we are walking out the door without them? Our dogs go with us whenever possible, and a lot of our trips are planned specifically so we can take them. Many hotels, parks, campgrounds, canoe outfitters and most conservation areas allow dogs on a leash. Some conservation areas allow off-lead dog training and field trials under specific permits and guidelines. When visiting areas managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation, you can make the most of a trip with your pets by finding out in advance what is allowed. There are just a few areas that restrict pets.

A quick way to determine whether your favorite conservation area is pet friendly is by checking the on-line Conservation Atlas. From <http://mdc.mo.gov/> go to the “Regs and Areas” box and select “Conservation Areas.” You can search the database a number of ways and each area brochure will provide the information you need, including a contact number if you have any questions.

So why are there some areas that don’t allow man’s best friend? Trails, open spaces, water and other opportunities are available and seemingly dog friendly, so why the “No Pets” signs? In the St. Louis Region, the *Wildlife Code of Missouri* specifically does not allow pets at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center and Englemann Woods Natural Area. It also states managers may post signs to identify specific rules for their areas. These limitations are meant to allow every Missourian to have an opportunity for a quality conservation experience. Some areas have limits on unique or sensitive habitats. Others may choose part of an area for people to go where they know pets aren’t present. Some sites may be limited temporarily for special programs or events. Actively working service animals are the exception.

I am often asked why we don’t allow pets at Powder Valley. Generally they are referring to dogs. The answer is multifaceted. The Nature Center is not a multiple use facility. Its main purpose is to provide opportunities for people to discover and contemplate nature. We have over 100,000 visitors annually and even more using the trails. Wild animals and birds tend to avoid areas visited by dogs. Someone trying to watch birds or deer, for example, may lose that opportunity when a dog walks by. If the dog is barking, it extends the range which wildlife viewing is affected. Many of the nature center visitors are young children and the trails are relatively narrow. Even a well-behaved dog passing a child in close proximity can be scary when they meet eye to eye on the trail.

People may often translate the “No Pets” signs to mean dogs, but please remember it refers to animals of any kind. I’ve seen everything from rats to birds, goats and pot-bellied pigs on our areas! Regardless of the type of animal, being mindful of the pet regulations helps everyone find opportunities which meet their expectations when they arrive.

The Conservation Department does its best to provide conservation related activities to all of Missouri’s citizens. When it comes to pets, if you do a little homework you can have a great outing with the entire family, including the four-legged members without being disappointed when you arrive. Next time you take a trip, you won’t have to resist that pitiful plea to go with you!



By Tamie Yegge, nature center manager

Jay Henges Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

1100 Antire Road, High Ridge, MO 63049 • mdc.mo.gov/node/299



From the east/St. Louis
I-44 west to Beaumont Antire Road, exit 269.
Left over highway 44 to Antire Road. Right on
Antire. One hundred feet to entrance. Left into
driveway.

From the west/Eureka
I-44 east to Beaumont Antire Road, exit 269.
Follow exit lane around to top.

HOURS:

May 1–August 31
Wednesday: 1–7:30 PM
Thursday–Sunday: 10 AM–4:30 PM

September 1–April 30
Wednesday–Sunday: 10 AM–4:30 PM

Programs are free. Call **636-938-9548** or
email henges.range@mdc.mo.gov with
your name and phone number to sign up
for a program requiring registration. If
calling, leave a detailed message on ext. 21.
Reservations will be accepted beginning at
12:00 AM on the day of registration. You will
be contacted for confirmation. Up to two
reservations are allowed per registration;
groups should contact the range for more
information. If you are unable to attend,
please call and cancel as a courtesy to those
on the waiting list. Interpretive services are
available for those with hearing loss with 5
days notice.

Introduction to Firearms

April 2 • Tuesday • 6:30–8:30 PM
(Ages 11 and up)

Let's take a look at various types of
firearms including rifles, shotguns, and
handguns. We will examine the various
types of actions and provide a hands-
on demonstration of their working
mechanisms. The presentation will
include basic safety, home security,
and general maintenance. This is a
classroom program and does not include
live shooting. If you are not familiar or

comfortable with firearms, this is an
informative, educational introduction to
firearms without the noise. (Reservations
begin at 12 AM on March 2.)

Turkey Hunting and Calling Workshop

April 3 • Wednesday • 6–8:30 PM
(Ages 11 and up)

Come discover how exciting turkey calling
can be at this informative workshop. We
will discuss calling tips and techniques for
beginners as well as advanced instruction.
We will then discuss how to apply
calling in real turkey hunting situations,
exploring different scenarios that hunters
often encounter. Come learn useful
turkey hunting and calling tips at this
information-packed seminar! (Reservations
begin at 12 AM on March 3.)

Basic Handgun, Part 1 and 2

April 4 and 6 • Thursday • 6–8 PM
and • Saturday • 8–9:30 AM
(Reservations begin at 12 AM on March 4.)

OR

April 17 and 21 • Wednesday • 6–8 PM
and • Sunday • 8–9:30 AM
(Reservations begin at 12 AM on March 17.)
(Ages 16 and up)

This two-part program will include
handgun operation, shooting
fundamentals, safety, maintenance,
and safe storage. A classroom evening
session (part 1) is followed by a live-fire
morning session (part 2). Equipment
and ammunition will be provided, or
you may bring your own handgun and
ammunition to the morning live-fire
session. Anyone under age 18 must be
accompanied by an adult.

Introduction to Map and Compass

April 6 • Saturday • 1–3:30 PM
(Ages 11 and up)

This is an introductory program for
anyone interested in outdoor direction
finding off the beaten path. Learn how to

use a topographical map and the proper
use of a navigation-style compass. Dress
for the weather, as we'll be outside
for part of this program. Effort=Mild.
(Reservations begin at 12 AM on
March 6.)

Basic Rifle, Part 1 and 2

April 18 and 20 • Thursday • 6–8 PM
and • Saturday • 8–9:30 AM
(Ages 16 and up)

This program will include rifle operation,
shooting fundamentals, safety,
maintenance, and safe storage. We start
with a classroom session on Thursday
evening, then a live-fire session on
Saturday morning. Although equipment
and ammunition will be provided, you
may bring your own to the Saturday
morning live-fire session. Anyone under
the age of 18 must be accompanied by
an adult. Effort=Moderate. (Reservations
begin at 12 AM on March 18.)

Basic Archery

April 25 • Thursday • 6–7:30 PM
(Families)

Learn the fundamentals of shooting the
bow and arrow based on the Missouri
National Archery in the Schools Program
(MoNASP). This is a fun program for the
family, ages fourth grade and up. All
equipment will be provided. Effort=Mild.
(Reservations begin at 12 AM on
March 25.)

Youth .22 Rifle

April 27 • Saturday • 8:00–9:30 AM
(Ages 5–9)

Interested young people who have
never had experience shooting .22
rifles are invited to participate in this
Saturday morning session. They will
learn safe handling skills and the proper
techniques of shooting .22 rimfire rifles in
a controlled, safe environment. Firearms,
ammunition, and safety equipment are
provided. Effort=Mild. (Reservations
begin at 12 AM on March 27.)

Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304 • mdc.mo.gov/node/270

Basic Shotgun

April 3 and 4 • Wednesday • 6–8 PM
and • Thursday • 6–8 PM
(Ages 13 and up)

An introductory program for shooters who want to get started the correct way in shotgun sports. On April 3 the program will begin at the August A. Busch Conservation Area Regional Office classrooms. We will discuss safety, appropriate shotguns, correct fit, gauge and ammunition selection, proper stance, mount, movement and target acquisition techniques. On April 4, we will meet at the Shooting Range. We will provide shotguns and ammunition for a live-fire experience. Participants must attend the classroom portion in order to participate in the live-fire. The shooting portion of this program is not appropriate for children who weigh less than 90 lbs. Children ages 13 through 16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin March 4.)

Basic Archery

April 9 • Tuesday • 6–8 PM
(Ages 11 and up)

This program provides students with an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to safely participate in this fun and rewarding outdoor activity. All equipment and materials will be provided for this Basic Archery class. This course will take place at the Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center broadhead pits. Our instructors will help participants develop their skills as we cover types of bows, parts of the bow and arrow, proper stance, grip, draw and other important techniques. Children ages 11 through 16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin March 11).

Intermediate Handgun

April 20 • Saturday • 7:30–9:30 AM
(Ages 18 and up)

This program is designed for handgun owners to sharpen their target shooting skills. Come experience some one-on-one instruction with one of our highly qualified instructors. Participants are required to bring their own handguns and ammunition. (Reservations begin March 20.)

Basic Trap

April 24 and 25 • Wednesday • 6–8 PM
and • Thursday • 6–8 PM
(Ages 13 and up)

This program is designed for those who have had some experience with shotguns, want to improve their skill level and learn the finer points of 16 yard American trap. On Wednesday we'll meet at the Regional Office classrooms. On Thursday we will meet at the Shooting Range. Firearms, ammunition, and safety equipment are provided. Children ages 13–16 must be accompanied by an adult. (Reservations begin March 25.)



From I-64/40 take Hwy 94 south to Hwy D; turn west on Hwy D for approximately 5 miles. The area entrance is on the south side of Hwy D.

HOURS:

December 1–March 31
Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday,
and Sunday: 10 AM–4 PM

April 1–November 30
Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday:
10 AM–4 PM and Tuesday: 2–8 PM

Programs are free. Call **(636) 441-4554**
Monday through Friday 8 AM–5 PM.
If you are unable to attend a program,
please call and cancel as a courtesy to
those on our waiting list. Interpretive ser-
vices are available for those with hearing
loss with 5 days notice.

DISCOVER NATURE GIRLS CAMP



The Missouri Department of Conservation is offering a Discover Nature Girls Camp. It is a free three-day, two-night girls camp aimed at introducing young ladies ages 11–15 to different outdoors skills. The camp will be held July 23, 24, and 25 in Lincoln County at Cuivre River State Park.

Campers spend three fun-filled days participating in a “hands on” hunter education class; shooting firearms and archery equipment, walking through a safety trail and taking the hunter education test. They will also enjoy a variety of outdoor skills such as canoeing, orienteering and fishing. The camp is limited to 60 girls between the ages of 11 to 15 years old. The first 60 applications received will be selected to attend. Applications must be received by May 31, 2013.

To apply for Discover Nature Girls Camp, please contact Becky Robertson at 636-288-9279 or the St. Louis Regional Office at (636) 441-4554 to request an application form.

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122 • mdc.mo.gov/node/271



The Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center is located in Kirkwood, MO. Take Highway 44 east to the Watson Road exit and turn left on Geyer. Cross over the bridge and turn left on Cragwold Road. Follow for one mile to the entrance. Enjoy nature exhibits, attend programs, purchase hunting and fishing permits, browse through a nature-related gift shop, and pick up free conservation brochures. Outdoors, enjoy three miles of hiking trails through oak hickory forest.

Building: Tuesday–Saturday: 8 AM–5 PM

Trails: Daily: 8 AM–8 PM DST

8 AM–6 PM CST

Programs are free. Call **314-301-1500** to register. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

You and Me under the Canopy

April 2 • Tuesday • 10–11 AM

(Ages birth–8)

Families, meet in the nature center lobby at 10 a.m. for a “nature” adventure. Make sure to dress for the weather because we won’t be in the building long. Everyone will hike with the naturalist to a special place in the forest and enjoy a nature story under the canopy. Siblings are welcome! In case of inclement weather the program will be shortened to 30 minutes. (Reservations not required)

Love Those Opossums!

April 10 • Wednesday • 10–11:30 AM

(Ages 4–7)

Aren’t opossums cute? Some people love them, and some aren’t really fans. Come to Powder Valley to learn all about the opossum in Missouri. We will have lots of interesting items at our touch tables. We will also play a game about opossum survival. And, although we probably won’t see any of these secretive creatures during the day, we will go for a short hike at the end of the class to explore their habitat. (Reservations begin March 27.)

Amphibian Night at Forest 44

April 12 • Friday • 7:30–10 PM

(All ages)

Join us as MDC Herpetologist, Jeff Briggler, teaches about native amphibians and takes us on an exploratory hike. Learn how to identify different species and calls before venturing out to the ponds of Forest 44 in search of chorusing frogs. Meet at the Jay Henges Shooting Range Outdoor Education Center, located at Highway 44 and Beaumont/Antire Road. Please dress for the weather and wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and muddy. (Reservations begin March 29.)

Scout Discovery Table: Bird ID/ Flyways

April 13 • Saturday • 10 AM–2 PM

(All ages)

Discover the wonders of Missouri birds and the location of their flyways while working on badges. Activities are designed for Cub Scout Wolves and Webelos. Wolves can work on Birds: Elective 13d. Webelos can work on Outdoor Group: Naturalist 4-6. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. (No reservations required.)

Feathered Family Fun

April 16 • Tuesday • 9:30–11 AM

(Ages 7 and up)

In early spring robins sing, woodpeckers drum, and turkeys gobble. Soon there will be nests to build, eggs to incubate, chicks to feed, and fledglings to teach. It’s fun to catch any little glimpse of this avian life cycle. How about a little glimpse of what science has learned about it over the years? (Reservations begin April 2.)

If You Care, Leave Them There!

April 23 • Tuesday • 10–11:30 AM

(Ages 3–6)

Spring is here! It won’t be long until we begin to see or hear chicks, or baby birds. Sometimes these babies will fall from the nest. What should you do? Come to Powder Valley and discover the life cycle of a bird, define a hatchling, nestling, and fledgling, and learn what to do when you find a young bird out of its nest. This is a fun, hands-on program that will include a short birding hike. Siblings are welcome! (Reservations begin April 16.)

Discover Nature Families: Mist-Netting Bats at Emmenegger Nature Park

April 26 • Friday • 7:30–9:30 PM

(All Ages)

Bring the family and discover one of Missouri’s most helpful mammals, the bat! Explore the world of bats as we capture them in mist nets while they travel along the Meramec River corridor to feed and migrate to their summer habitat. We will also be checking bats for signs of the white-nose syndrome. To get to Emmenegger Nature Park, go west on Cragwold Road (past the Powder Valley entrance), cross over the highway and go south (left) on Stonewood. Insect repellent is strongly suggested. Participants must wear long pants, closed-toed shoes and bring a flashlight. (Reservations begin April 12.)

Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center

11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122 • mdc.mo.gov/node/271

Upcoming Event . . .

Girls on Fire!

May 11 • Saturday • 8 AM–3 PM

(Girls ages 12–18)

Bring out your inner Katniss, and learn some of the skills this character used in the popular book series, *The Hunger Games*! Participants will be rotating between 5 activities throughout the day: archery, birding hike, fire/water/shelter, wild edibles/wildflower hike, and camouflage. Please dress for the weather and bring a lunch. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Saturday, June 1st. To get to Emmenegger Nature Park, go west on Cragwold Road (past the Powder Valley entrance), cross over the highway and go south (left) on Stoneywood. (Reservations begin April 26.)



Powder Valley Conservation Day Camp Application

June 11 • Tuesday–June 14 • Friday • 9 AM–3 PM

and June 15 • Saturday • 9–11:30 AM

(Ages 8–13)

Conservation Day Camp is four fun-filled days of conservation programs ranging from archery and fishing to dissecting owl pellets and aquatic studies. On Saturday, parents/legal guardians will be asked to attend camp from 9–11:30 AM to learn about Missouri's fish, forests and wildlife from their child!

Conservation Day Camp is limited to 30 campers. Applications will be accepted through April 19, 2013. A lottery drawing will be used to determine participants. Chosen applicants will be notified via phone by April 25, 2013, and will receive a complete schedule of events and permission forms prior to the beginning of camp.

Please complete this form and return to:
Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center
Conservation Day Camp
11715 Cragwold Rd.
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Daily attendance is expected and parent/legal guardian participation on Saturday is strongly encouraged.

One family per application. Thank you.

Child's Name/Age T-Shirt Size

Parent/Legal Guardian Name

Address

Cell/Daytime Phone

Home Phone

T-SHIRT SIZE CHART

SIZE	S	M	L	XL
YOUTH	6-8	10-12	14-16	18-20
WOMEN	4-6	8-10	12-14	16-18
MEN	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48

Columbia Bottom Conservation Area

801 Strodtman Road, St. Louis, MO 63138 • mdc.mo.gov/node/298



From I-270 north, take the Riverview Drive exit (last Missouri exit); go north 2.8 miles. Riverview Drive becomes Columbia Bottom Road at its intersection with Larimore Road. The entrance is on the right-hand side.

OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday–Friday: 8 AM–5 PM

Saturday–Sunday: 8 AM–4 PM

Programs are free. Call 314-877-6014 to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Tike Hike: Frogs and Toads

April 10 • Wednesday • 2–3:30 PM

(Ages 3–5)

Bring your tiny tikes and let them explore our wonderful wetlands! Children will start off at the Visitor Center where they will learn a little about frogs and toads. We will then head out to one of our many pools and give the tikes a chance to hear, see, and maybe catch some of our jumpy residents. Come prepared to get muddy. (Reservations begin March 27.)

Golden Hour at the Mississippi

April 13 • Saturday • 5:30–7 AM

(15 and up)

Photographers call this time of day the “golden hour.” And this time of year is especially beautiful as trees are greening up, songbirds are singing and building nests, woodpeckers are drumming, and migrants are winging their way north. Let’s look and listen for the sounds of spring as we walk a short trail to stand on the bank of the Mississippi River. There’s no better way to greet the morning sun as it rises over the trees. Bring your camera to take advantage of this “golden hour.” Later, share some of your photos with us so that we may display them in the Visitor Center. Meet at parking lot “O” about 4 1/2 miles from entrance. (Reservations begin March 23.)

Amphibian Night Hike at Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area

April 16 • Tuesday • 7–8:30 PM

(Families)

Step outside and listen to the frogs singing in spring. Witness their amazing life cycle as the choir serenades from the pond. You too can learn to identify several frogs and toads by their unique songs. Bring your flashlight and dress warmly as we explore the wetlands of Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area. (Reservations begin April 3.)



American toad

Golden Hour at the Confluence

April 20 • Saturday • 5:30–7 AM

(15 and up)

Take advantage of this “golden hour” as spring has sprung over the Mississippi and Missouri rivers at Columbia Bottom. We will take a short walk on the River’s Edge trail to look at the fresh spring greenery all around us and listen for the drumming of woodpeckers and the gobbling of turkeys while we watch for migrating waterfowl and song birds. The morning sun rises over the confluence of these great rivers. Bring your camera so you can share some of your photos with us so that we may display them in the Visitor Center. Meet at Confluence observation area lot “N” almost 5 miles from the entrance. (Reservations begin April 6.)

Full Moon Wetland Walk

April 26 • Friday • 7–9 PM

(Ages 10 and up)

Take an evening walk through the wetlands at Columbia Bottom and discover nature through the sights and sounds abounding there. Migrating waterfowl use these wetlands for food and rest on their long journeys in fall and spring. Several species of toads and frogs use these wetlands at breeding time, and their choruses fill the night air. Be sure to dress for the weather and wear boots or shoes that can get muddy. We may walk up to 3 miles. Meet at the Visitor Center to carpool to the hike site. (Reservations begin April 12.)

We work with you and for you to sustain healthy forests, fish and wildlife.

August A. Busch Memorial Conservation Area

2360 Hwy D, St. Charles, MO 63304 • mdc.mo.gov/node/300

Wetlands for Kids

April 6 • Saturday • 10 AM – 3 PM

(All Ages)

Learn about wetlands and the critters that call them home at Wetlands for Kids. Kids will see live birds of prey, create wetland artwork, explore a beaver lodge, practice their air rifle and archery skills, view live snakes and turtles or watch retriever dogs in action. Visit more than 15 stations to learn about nature through hands-on adventures such as fly-tying, a scavenger hunt or the Duck Wing Maze. Sample fried fish from Missouri's big rivers, or purchase food and beverages from the on-site concessionaire.

Each child who registers will receive a free Ducks Unlimited Greenwing membership, which includes a one-year subscription to the Puddler magazine. (No Reservations Necessary.)



From I-64/40 take Hwy 94 south to Hwy D; turn west on D for approximately two miles. The area entrance is on the north side of Hwy D.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 8 AM–5 PM

Programs are free. Call **636-441-4554** to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Amphibian Night Hike

April 6 • Saturday • 7:00–9:30 PM

(Adults)

Witness a “marsh concert” presented by the toads and frogs of Missouri. Join us for an evening out on the levies at the Marias Temps Clair Conservations Area. We will learn how to identify toads and frogs by their calls. Program includes a 2-mile hike on gravel-top levies to listen for amphibian calls coming from their marsh habitat. Please dress for the weather and bring a small flashlight. Effort = Easy. (Reservations begin March 25.)



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(All Ages)

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*Conservation
makes Missouri a
great place to hunt
and fish.*

Bird Identification and Flyways - Scout Discovery Table

April 27 • Saturday • 10 AM–2 PM

(All Ages)

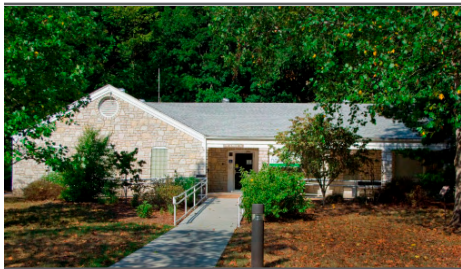
Have you ever wondered what the bird is at your feeder? Did you know there are highways in the sky that birds follow when they migrate? Learn to identify birds and find out where those highways are in the sky. You will also be able to view birds in their natural habitats. This discovery table meets the Cub Scout requirements for Wolves: Birds elective 13d; Webelos: Naturalist #3, #5; Juniors: Wildlife #3, #8. Also appropriate for Brownies. No reservations required; come anytime between 10 AM and 2 PM.

Volunteer Milestones

Judy Huck 300 hours

Rockwoods Reservation

2751 Glencoe Road, Wildwood, MO 63038 • mdc.



From I-44 take Hwy 109 north 4 miles to Woods Ave. left on Woods Ave., then immediately right on Glencoe RD. From Manchester Road take Hwy 109 south 2 miles to Woods Ave; right on Woods Ave, then immediately right on Glencoe Road.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 8 AM–5 PM

Programs are free. Call **636-458-2236** to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Bluebird Houses

April 13 • Saturday • 10–11:30 AM
(Families)

There are many signs of spring, and one of them involves our state bird, the bluebird. During the spring, many bluebirds are on the hunt to find a place to build a nest. Come learn about our state bird and build a bluebird house to take home and mount. Reservations will close early on April 8 in order to prepare materials. (Reservations begin March 22.)

Spring Into the Woods

April 13 • Saturday • 1–3 PM
(Families)

What could be more enjoyable than spending a beautiful spring afternoon hiking the Trail Among the Trees at Rockwoods Reservation? Along the way, there should be many native wildflowers blooming. You will learn some of the amazing history of Rockwoods. You will be amazed at how the woods have been restored over the past century. The 1.5 mile trail is mostly paved and goes up and over one of the hills in Rockwoods. Effort = Moderate. (Reservations begin March 29.)

Goodness Snakes Alive

April 19 • Friday • 9:30–11 AM
(Ages 4–6)

Are snakes really slimy? How do they move, smell, hear and catch their food? Learn the answers to those questions and lots of other neat stuff about snakes. You will be able to observe live snakes found in Missouri and even touch some of them if you want to. Come prepared to take a short hike to see if we can observe any snakes in their natural habitat. (Reservations begin April 5.)

Snakes & Lizards – Awesome or What?

April 20 • Saturday • 9:30–11 AM
(Ages 7–12)

How many “poisonous” snakes are there in Missouri? Can a lizard grow a new tail? Why is it important to conserve these animals? Find out the answers to those questions while discovering other neat things about snakes and lizards that live here in Missouri. You will be able to observe live snakes and even touch some. Come prepared to take a short hike to see if we can observe any snakes or lizards. (Reservations begin April 5.)

Forest Park Office

5595 Grand Drive, St. Louis, MO 63112 • mdc.mo.gov/node/272



From I-44 take Kingshighway north to West Pine Blvd, turn left. Follow West Pine to Lindell, turn left. Continue on Lindell past Union Dr. to Cricket, turn left. Take first right onto Grand Ave. The visitor's center is on the right.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday: 8 AM–5 PM

Programs are free. Call 314-877-1309 to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list. Interpretive services are available for those with hearing loss with 5 days notice.

Homeschool Series – In the Field

April 2, 16, 30, May 14 • Tuesdays • 12:30–2 PM
(Ages 6–12)

Homeschoolers will study core school subjects in the context of the outdoors. Lessons will be divided into two age groups: 6–9 years and 10–12 years. Choose your favorite subject, sign up for one or all four. Dress for the weather and meet at the Dennis & Judith Jones Visitor and Education Center. April 2 - Field Science; April 16 - Field Math; April 30 - Field History; May 14 - Field Art & Music. (Reservations begin March 8.)